

REMARKS

Claims 55-59 are currently pending in the application. Claims 55-59 are amended herein to specify that the tissue matrix recited in the claims may be synthetic, as well as decellularized. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at pages 14-15. This amendment corresponds in scope to previously-pending claim 25, drawn to a method of making a tissue matrix wherein the tissue matrix is artificial, and claim 41, drawn to a tissue matrix made by the method of claim 25. Thus, the amendment should not necessitate an additional search of the art. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment and remarks.

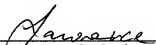
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the above remarks and accompanying documents be entered in the present application file. No fee is believed due in connection with this Amendment. However, if any fee is deemed to be due, please charge such fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013. If the Examiner would like to discuss any aspect of this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 858-314-1171.

Respectfully submitted,

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